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2017 Rising Star Awards Nominations and Honorable Mentions

Outstanding Overall Production of a Musical

Final Nominations

Columbia HS	HOW TO SUCCEED...
Delaware Valley Regional HS.....	9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL
Eastern Regional HS.....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION
Rahway HS.....	BIG FISH
Summit HS	HOW TO SUCCEED...
Union HS.....	CINDERELLA
West Morris Central HS.....	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

Honorable Mentions

Academy of the Holy Angels.....	THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD
Madison HS.....	OKLAHOMA!
Moorestown HS.....	CURTAINS

Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role

Final Nominations

Delaware Valley Regional HS	9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL	Amalia Crevani as "Judy Bernly"
Delaware Valley Regional HS	9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL	Jordan Reina as "Doralee Rhodes"
Franklin HS.....	SISTER ACT.....	Khailah Johnson as "Deloris van Cartier"
Gloucester County Institute of Technology	URINETOWN	Kiaura Birchfield as "Hope Cladwell"
Nutley HS	ANNIE GET YOUR GUN.....	Maggie Spector-Williams as "Annie Oakley"
Pascack Hills HS.....	BIG FISH	Nuala Cleary as "Sandra Bloom"
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS.....	BYE, BYE BIRDIE	Sara Miller as "Rose Alvarez"

Honorable Mentions

Academy of the Holy Angels	THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD	Ariela Pizza as "Deirdre Peregrine/Rosa Bud"
David Brearley HS	ONCE ON THIS ISLAND.....	Vanessa Sierra as "Ti Moune"
Delaware Valley Regional HS	9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL	Claire Wolfson as "Violet Newstead"
Westfield HS	CARRIE	Emma Stern as "Carrie White"

Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role

Final Nominations

Chatham HS	THE ADDAMS FAMILY	Neil McCaffrey as "Gomez Addams"
Columbia HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Hunter Kovacs as "J. Pierrepont Finch"
Eastern Regional HS.....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION.....	Gary Bowman as "Jean Valjean"
Gloucester County Institute of Technology	URINETOWN	Spencer Petro as "Bobby Strong"
Moorestown HS	CURTAINS	Dean Blizzard as "Lt. Frank Cioffi"
Rahway HS	BIG FISH	Xavier Lighten as "Edward Bloom"
Summit HS	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Sean McManus as "J. Pierrepont Finch"

Honorable Mentions

Academy of the Holy Angels	THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD	Patrick Buckley as "Clive Paget/John Jasper"
Peddie School	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION	Alex Deland as "Jean Valjean"
St. Joseph Regional HS.....	WEST SIDE STORY	James Zitelli as "Tony"

Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role

Final Nominations

Delaware Valley Regional HS	9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL	Brittany Hill as "Roz Keith"
Eastern Regional HS	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION	Bridgette Burton as "Fantine"
Gloucester County Institute of Technology	URINETOWN	Alana Kopelove as "Little Sally"
Montclair Kimberley Academy	GUYS AND DOLLS	Ellie Kallay as "Adelaide"
Moorestown HS	CURTAINS	Skylar Raye Noyes as "Georgia Hendricks"
Ocean County Performing Arts Academy	SISTER ACT	Julianna Cavallo as "Mother Superior"
West Morris Central HS	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR	Catherine McGarry as "Mary Magdalene"

Honorable Mentions

Eastern Regional HS	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION	Chelsea Chaet as "Cosette"
Morristown HS	LEGALLY BLONDE	Victoria Fanning as "Paulette Bonafonte"
Toms River HS North	BRING IT ON	Yna Tresvalles as "Eva"

Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role

Final Nominations

Academy of the Holy Angels	THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD	Alex Birchwale as "Victor Grinstead/Neville Landless"
Madison HS	OKLAHOMA!	Max Vigotov as "Will Parker"
Montclair Kimberley Academy	GUYS AND DOLLS	Will Higgins as "Nathan Detroit"
Peddie School	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION	Jamie Cocuzza as "Marius"
Princeton Day School	THE 25TH ANNUAL...SPELLING BEE	Nate Jones as "Leaf Coneybear"
Summit HS	HOW TO SUCCEED	Keegan McManus as "J.B. Biggley"
West Morris Central HS	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR	Albert Garrido as "Pontius Pilate"

Honorable Mentions

Academy of the Holy Angels	THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN	Bill Fitzpatrick as "Cedric Moncrieffe/Rev. Crisparkle"
Chatham HS	THE ADDAMS FAMILY	Jacob Feeney as "Uncle Fester"
Gloucester County Institute of Technology	URINETOWN	Joey Bennett as "Officer Lockstock"

Outstanding Performance in a Featured Role

Final Nominations

Mater Dei HS	CRY-BABY	Savannah Connolly as "Lenora"
Rahway HS	BIG FISH	Najah Hetsberger as "The Witch"
St. Joseph Regional HS	WEST SIDE STORY	Luke Berninger as "Action"
Summit HS	HOW TO SUCCEED	Savannah Dooley as "Hedy LaRue"
Union HS	CINDERELLA	Jason Yanto as "Lord Pinkleton"
West Essex Regional HS	DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID	Shane Danekyo as "Chef Louis"
West Orange HS	DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID	Gabrielle Florendo as "Flounder"

Honorable Mentions

Columbia HS	HOW TO SUCCEED	Josh Ewing as "Bud Frump"
Mary Help of Christians Academy	ONCE ON THIS ISLAND	Miranda Almanza as "Erzulie"
River Dell HS	DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST	Dylan Jones as "Cogsworth"

Outstanding Performance by a Featured Ensemble Member

Final Nominations

Columbia HS	HOW TO SUCCEED	India Anderson as "Miss Jones"
Eastern Regional HS	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION	Primo Davis as "The Bishop"
Fair Lawn HS	BLOODY BLOODY ANDREW JACKSON	Jillian Coleman as "The '10 Little Indians' Soloist"
Gloucester County Institute of Technology	URINETOWN	Rachel Maselek as "Little Becky Two Shoes"
Madison HS	OKLAHOMA!	Erin Salko as "Dream Laurie"

Honorable Mentions

Jackson Liberty HS	SPAMALOT	Mikayla Greenway as "The French Guard"
Princeton Day School	THE 25TH ANNUAL...SPELLING BEE	Claire Szuter as "Olive's Mom"

Outstanding Performance by a Featured Ensemble Group

Final Nominations

Christian Brothers Academy	THE MUSIC MAN.....	"The Barbershop Quartet"
Columbia HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	"The Secretaries"
Gloucester County Institute of Technology	URINETOWN.....	"The Rebel Poor"
Hopewell Valley Central HS	DAMN YANKEES.....	"The Washington Senators"
Perth Amboy HS.....	LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS.....	"The Urchins"
Summit HS	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	"The Secretaries"
West Morris Central HS	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR	"The Priests"

Honorable Mentions

Peddie School	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION	"The Students"
River Dell HS.....	DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST	"The Silly Girls"
Vernon Township HS.....	SHREK	"The Duloc Performers"

Outstanding Performance by a Chorus

Final Nominations

Academy of the Holy Angels.....	THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD
Columbia HS	HOW TO SUCCEED...
Delaware Valley Regional HS.....	9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL
Eastern Regional HS.....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION
Rahway HS.....	BIG FISH
Summit HS	HOW TO SUCCEED...
Union HS.....	CINDERELLA

Honorable Mentions

Gloucester County Institute of Technology	URINETOWN
Morristown HS	LEGALLY BLONDE
Peddie School	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION

Outstanding Performance by an Orchestra

Final Nominations

Delaware Valley Regional HS.....	9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL
Franklin HS.....	SISTER ACT
Mount Olive HS	ALL SHOOK UP
Newark Academy	ON THE TOWN
Ridge HS.....	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
Summit HS	HOW TO SUCCEED...
Union HS.....	CINDERELLA

Honorable Mentions

Madison HS.....	OKLAHOMA!
Nutley HS.....	ANNIE GET YOUR GUN

Outstanding Achievement by a Teacher or Outside Director

Final Nominations

Columbia HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED	Tricia Benn, Bethany Pettigrew
Delaware Valley Regional HS	9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL	Clinton B. Ambs
Eastern Regional HS	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION	Dr. Gregg Molotsky
Rahway HS	BIG FISH	Alison Dooley
Summit HS	HOW TO SUCCEED	Anne Poyner
Union HS	CINDERELLA.....	James Mosser
West Morris Central HS	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR	Jeff Hogan

Honorable Mentions

Academy of the Holy Angels	THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD	Katie McSherry
Madison HS.....	OKLAHOMA!	Caryn Elefante
Moorestown HS	CURTAINS	Erica Scanlon Harr

Outstanding Achievement in Music Direction

Final Nominations

Columbia HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Jamie Bunce, Peter F. Bauer
Delaware Valley Regional HS.....	9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL.....	James Schnyderite, Brittany Nailos
Eastern Regional HS.....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION.....	Katy Akinkas, John Stanz
Moorestown HS.....	CURTAINS.....	Sergey Tkachenko, Greg Connlain
St. Joseph Regional HS.....	WEST SIDE STORY.....	John Zupan
Summit HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Steve Rapp, Wayne Mallette
Union HS.....	CINDERELLA.....	James Mosser, Laura Muller

Honorable Mentions

Academy of the Holy Angels.....	THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD.....	George Croom
Princeton Day School.....	THE 25TH ANNUAL...SPELLING BEE.....	Marc Beja
Rahway HS.....	BIG FISH.....	Robert Van Wyk

Outstanding Achievement in Choreography and Staging

Final Nominations

Columbia HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Tricia Benn, Bethany Pettigrew
Delaware Valley Regional HS.....	9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL.....	Heather Fleischman
Mount Olive HS.....	ALL SHOOK UP.....	Janine Byrnes, Kara Byrnes
Mount Saint Dominic Academy.....	42ND STREET.....	Jensyn Modero
Northern Valley Regional HS at Old Tappan....	TARZAN.....	Alison Owusu, Kaelin McElduff
Summit HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Kelly Mott-Sacks
Union HS.....	CINDERELLA.....	Jennifer Williams

Honorable Mentions

Pascack Valley HS.....	PIPPIN.....	Francesca Silvano, Kelsey McGrail
Rahway HS.....	BIG FISH.....	Alison Dooley
West Morris Central HS.....	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR.....	Dana Harrington

Outstanding Scenic Achievement

Final Nominations

Columbia HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Marc Matalon
Gloucester County Institute of Technology.....	URINETOWN.....	Kris Clayton
Madison HS.....	OKLAHOMA!.....	Brian Toscano, Paul Gaschler
Ridge HS.....	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF.....	Jason M. Stewart
Summit HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Travis McHale
Union HS.....	CINDERELLA.....	Diane Esquivel, James Mosser
West Morris Central HS.....	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR.....	Ron Kadri

Honorable Mentions

Delaware Valley Regional HS.....	9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL.....	Josh Paul
Eastern Regional HS.....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION.....	Chris Childs, Aaron Forsman, Cyrena Kokolis, Dr. Gregg Molotsky
Rahway HS.....	BIG FISH.....	Mike Staryak, Dwight Engle, Mike Dooley, Jeff Drylewicz, Al Angrisani

Outstanding Lighting Achievement

Final Nominations

Columbia HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Tara Marie Abbondante
Eastern Regional HS.....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION.....	Dr. Gregg Molotsky
Fair Lawn HS.....	BLOODY BLOODY ANDREW JACKSON.....	Andrew Scharwath
Madison HS.....	OKLAHOMA!.....	Brian Lynch
Summit HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Leonardo Hidalgo
Union HS.....	CINDERELLA.....	Christopher Annas-Lee
Westfield HS.....	CARRIE.....	Sharp Edge Lighting Design

Honorable Mentions

Mount Olive HS.....	ALL SHOOK UP.....	Jeff Christen
Princeton Day School.....	THE 25TH ANNUAL...SPELLING BEE.....	Steve Howe
West Morris Central HS.....	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR.....	Timothy Meola

Outstanding Costuming Achievement

Final Nominations

Eastern Regional HS	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION	Michelle Heyers, Mary-Jane Bowne
Gill St. Bernard's School	CINDERELLA	Paul H. Canada
Mount Saint Dominic Academy	42ND STREET	Roxane Brady
Northern Valley Regional HS at Old Tappan ...	TARZAN.....	Donna Dolby
Rahway HS	BIG FISH	Audrey Angrisani, Tina Campagna
Summit HS	HOW TO SUCCEED	Katherine Winter
Union HS	CINDERELLA	Leslie Laurino, James Mosser, Jennifer Williams

Honorable Mentions

Columbia HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED	Barbara Canace, Carol Rutledge, Suzanne Roghanchi, Kathy Nye
Memorial HS	AIDA.....	Steven Hempel
Vernon Township HS.....	SHREK	Lindsay McAloney, Jen Fowler, Marlu Costumes

Outstanding Hair and Make-up Achievement

Final Nominations

Chatham HS	THE ADDAMS FAMILY	Julie Edwards, Stephanie Cooperman
Columbia HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED	Suzanne Roghanchi
Mount Saint Dominic Academy	42ND STREET	Catherine O'Brien
Northern Valley Regional HS at Old Tappan ...	TARZAN.....	Donna Dolby, Dee Spencer
Rumson-Fair Haven Regional HS.....	TARZAN.....	Corinne Grasso
Summit HS	HOW TO SUCCEED	MJ Arias, Alina Patrick
Vernon Township HS.....	SHREK	Lindsay McAloney, Mike Tlatelpa, Trinity Sorber

Honorable Mentions

Academy of the Holy Angels	THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD	Ellie Anderson, MaryElena Bafundo
Peddie School	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION	Don Olah
Princeton Day School	THE 25TH ANNUAL...SPELLING BEE	Riley Gudel, Nishita Naga

Student Achievement Award

(20 finalists, 10 recipients will be announced)

Final Nominations

Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS	BRING IT ON	Aliza Howard, T'Erah Johnson, Cheer Coaching/Choreography
BCIT Medford	SINGIN' IN THE RAIN.....	Desaree Vaughn, Film Editor/Cinematographer
Christian Brothers Academy	THE MUSIC MAN	Front of House Crew
Cicely L. Tyson School of Performing and Fine Arts .	SISTER ACT.....	Darnisha Thomas, Costume Designer
Cicely L. Tyson School of Performing and Fine Arts .	SISTER ACT.....	Coriyanna Osborne Willis, Stage Management
Eastern Regional HS	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION	Christopher Childs, Cyrena Kokolis, Production Management
Eastern Regional HS	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION	Penelope Murzenski, Stage Management
Morris County School of Technology.....	BIG FISH	Jordan Bernstein, Isabella Machuca, Sound Design/Q-Lab Operator
Morris County School of Technology.....	BIG FISH	Stage Management Team, Stage Management
Northern Valley Regional HS at Old Tappan	TARZAN.....	Costume Team, Costume Design/Construction
Northern Valley Regional HS at Old Tappan	TARZAN.....	Megan Murphy, Makeup Design
Princeton Day School	THE 25TH ANNUAL...SPELLING BEE	Hope Ammidon, Assistant Director
Ridge HS	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF	Danielle McGuire, Stage Management
Secaucus HS	SHREK	Drew Fournier, Rehearsal Pianist
Summit HS	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Liam Dwyer, Stage Management
Summit HS	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Robert Scott, Lighting Head
Summit HS	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Costume Crew, Costuming
Voorhees HS.....	LEGALLY BLONDE.....	Matt Nowell, Sound Designer/Operator
Westfield HS	CARRIE	Kate Seaman, Assistant Technical Director
Westfield HS	CARRIE	Devyn Tibbals, Stage Management

The Educational Impact Award

Final Nominations

Columbia High School.....	HOW TO SUCCEED...
Fair Lawn High School	BLOODY BLOODY ANDREW JACKSON
Morristown High School.....	LEGALLY BLONDE
Northern Valley Regional HS at Old Tappan.....	TARZAN
Perth Amboy HS	LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS
Ridge HS.....	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
St. Joseph Regional HS.....	WEST SIDE STORY

Rising Star “Theatre for Everyone” Inclusion and Access Award

Final Nominations

Chatham HS.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY
Eastern Regional HS.....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION
Lodi HS.....	CINDERELLA
Moorestown HS.....	CURTAINS
Morristown HS	LEGALLY BLONDE
Northern Valley Regional HS at Old Tappan.....	TARZAN
Ridge HS.....	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
West Essex Regional HS.....	DISNEY’S THE LITTLE MERMAID

Tickets to the Rising Star Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, June 6th will be made available to final nominees via their school contact on May 10th.

Please do not call Paper Mill Box Office for tickets.

Scholarship applicants and recipients will be notified by mail the week of May 15th.

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